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Signed: Nicole Ruspore**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed May 6, 2003, the Examiner has imposed a Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §121: .

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| Group I. | Claims 1-14, and 30, drawn to a human chitinase and compositions thereof, classified in class 424, subclass 94.6. |
| Group II. | Claim 15, drawn to a method of treating fungal infections, classified in class 424, subclass 94.6. |
| Group III. | Claims 16-21 and 28-29, drawn to DNA, vectors, host cells and expression of a human chitinase, classified in class 435, subclass 209. |
| Group IV. | Claims 22, 23, and 27, drawn to a human chitinase peptide fragment, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1. |



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- Group V. Claims 24-26, drawn to human chitinase antibodies, classified in class 435, subclass 7.4.
- Group VI. Claim 31, drawn to methods for decomposing chitin, classified in class 435, subclass 99.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of Group I (claims 1-14 and 30), without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected Groups in divisional applications.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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